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Winnipeg police can't provide stabbing stats

Supt. Devon Clunis of the Winnipeg Police Service answers reporters' questions following a presentation at city hall Thursday. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

'Epidemic'. City councillor vows to speak to police chief

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A Winnipeg city councillor wasn't given the statistics he requested from police on Thursday morning — and he's promising to keep up the pressure.

In May, Coun. Harvey Smith (Daniel McIntyre) said stabbings in Winnipeg had become an "epidemic" and asked police to provide figures on the number of stabbings in the city.

At a meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services on Thursday, two police officers, Deputy Chief Art Stannard and Supt. Devon Clunis, said they could not break down the information to what Smith was looking for.

Stannard said the stabbings are classified as assaults with a weapon under the Criminal Code, so the force would have to go through each case of assault with a weapon and isolate the stabbings in order to provide an accurate count.

"It would take months," he added.

Clunis said the Niche record management system, which is where the Winnipeg police's stats go and is used by many police forces, would have to be changed to isolate the stabbings.

"It would mean going back to the national body that oversees the entire system and other police services would have to be in agreement" on the changes, said Clunis, adding that Winnipeg police could make the request for the change.

Asked by Metro Winnipeg if the police would keep statistics on stabbings going forward, Clunis said he was "not ready to make a commitment" on that.

Coun. Smith said he is a supporter of the police service, but was not satisfied with the answers and will be speaking to Winnipeg Police Chief Keith McCaskill.

"I just want them to do it right now, I don't know why they have to wait," said Smith, adding that in his opinion, stabbings are as serious as gunshots.

"Open a separate account system for stabbings, it's not a difficult thing.

"The fact is we shouldn't just be quiet on the matter."

Smith said he also plans on requesting some form of assistance from the province, though he is unsure of what that request will entail at the moment.

By the numbers

8.8%

Winnipeg Police said assaults with a weapon decreased by 8.8 per cent between 2010 and 2011.

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Question of anonymity

Social workers shouldn't avoid scrutiny at Phoenix Sinclair inquiry: Lawyer

A lawyer for several media outlets in Winnipeg says social workers involved in the life and death of a five-year-old girl cannot be allowed to hide their identities.

Jonathan Kroft says a suggested publication ban would allow "an unaccountable group of anonymous civil servants" to avoid scrutiny.

Child welfare agencies and the social workers union are asking for a ban on the identities of workers who will testify at an upcoming public inquiry into Phoenix Sinclair.

"The true danger to children, and to all Canadians, would be to permit an unaccountable group of anonymous civil servants to make decisions ... without at some point being accountable personally to the public that they serve," Kroft said in his arguments Thursday.

"If the most important witnesses, who are government employees exercising discretion over the people of Manitoba's fundamental rights, and they are not identified, this is something other than a public inquiry," he said.

Sinclair was abused and killed in her home after child welfare workers took her out of foster care and returned her to her mother.

Lawyers for the union and child welfare agencies say identifying the workers involved would be demoralizing and make it harder to attract workers.

Inquiry commissioner Ted Hughes is set to render his decision on the ban next Thursday.

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It's hot out there

Winnipeg extends spray pad hours

The City of Winnipeg has extended spray pad hours effective immediately.

The long-range forecast of 30 C temps or higher means spray pads are now open daily at 11 a.m. and will close at 9 p.m.

Wading pool operating hours will not be affected. The extended spray pad hours are until further notice, said the city.

Spray pads are unsupervised.

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Centreventure CEO Ross McGowan, along with Mayor Sam Katz and Deputy Mayor Justin Swandel, at the announcement on Thursday. LAUREN PARSONS/METRO

Cultural district may see cash for streets

$2.5M. Streetscaping will improve safety, flow of people coming downtown, Katz says

The city's cultural district may see $2.5 million poured into it for the first phase of a streetscaping program.

Mayor Sam Katz, along with Deputy Mayor Justin Swandel and Centreventure CEO Ross McGowan made the announcement Thursday morning at the corner of Main Street and Market Avenue, in front of the Pantages Playhouse Theatre.

The streets included in this project include Market, Lily and James avenues, and Rorie Street.

"Just like the SHED (Sports, Hospitality and Entertainment District) around the MTS Centre, the cultural district will be a way to celebrate a very distinctive area of our downtown, and the investments will definitely emphasize pedestrian safety, accessibility, as well as the flow of people," Katz said.

Keeping getting better

"Today, it's easy to see why Winnipeg is such a great place to live — and it keeps getting better." Deputy Mayor Justin Swandel

The report, which came from city administrators, includes recommendations to widen the sidewalks on Market Avenue, adding plants, benches, lights, as well as 3D interactive sculptural lights.

"I think we want a safer city, a safer downtown, and we know that lighting is definitely a positive thing," said Katz.

The mayor said the majority of the $2.5 million will come from the net sale proceeds of the Winnipeg Square Parkade and from the sale of lands east of Main Street and south of Wesley Avenue.

The recommendations will be considered by the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage, and Riverbank Management on July 9.

Shopping daze. New Sunday hours start Aug. 1

Winnipeggers will be able to shop on Sunday mornings starting Aug. 1, the province announced on Thursday.

"These changes are in response to the desire of consumers and businesses to find ways to make Sunday shopping in Manitoba less restrictive, while respecting that some employees may prefer not to work expanded hours," said Labour Minister Jennifer Howard.

Manitoba's Retail Businesses Holiday Closing Act, which comes into effect on Aug. 1, means municipalities will be given the ability to extend opening hours on Sundays and some statutory holidays, while protecting retail workers who do not wish to work the expanded hours.

This new legislation expands the hours retail businesses can be open on Sundays by widening the hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will apply to Louis Riel Day, Victoria Day and Thanksgiving Day.

The legislation authorizes employment standards officers to order an employer to compensate or reinstate an employee penalized for exercising their right to refuse work on a Sunday.

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Refusing work

14 days

Retail workers will also have the right to refuse work on Sundays, provided that they give their employer at least 14 days notice.

Flying time. Committee mulls 2nd police chopper

A second police helicopter was discussed at a City of Winnipeg meeting on Thursday.

Insp. Mike Herman of the Winnipeg Police Service, who is in charge of the flight operations unit, was asked by Coun. Thomas Steen (Elmwood-East Kildonan) if a second helicopter would help the service.

Herman said once people "see the benefits of the operation," a 24-hour helicopter service becomes more appetizing. That would require a second chopper, as more flying time, as well as routine maintenance, would be necessary.

However, based on the experiences of other cities, Herman said it is around year nine that a second chopper is explored.

Herman attended Thursday's Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services meeting to answers questions on the AIR-1 report released last week. AIR-1 is now halfway through its second year of operation.

Councillors Ross Eadie (Mynarski) and Harvey Smith (Daniel McIntyre) questioned why the chopper was being used in graffiti incidents.

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It's usually almost a decade before a second chopper is added to most police forces. METRO/CHRISD.CA

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On the web

New hope for brain injuries

A drug commonly used to control Type 2 diabetes can help trigger stem cells to produce new brain cells, providing hope of a potential means to treat brain injuries and even neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's, researchers say. Go to metronews.ca to read the full story.

Biting off more than you can chew

On Wednesday, Sonya Thomas, 45, downed 45 hotdogs at the Fourth of July hotdog-eating contest at Coney Island. In honour of her achievement we've compiled a slideshow of the world's greatest competitive eaters. Go to metronews.ca to see more.

Mobile news

French runner Mahiedine Mekhissi-Benabbad has been labelled a world-class bully by the public and press after he was caught celebrating his 300-metre run by shoving and pushing a 14-year-old girl dressed as a mascot at the European Championships. Scan the code to read the full story and watch the video that prompted the uproar.

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5 books by Winnipeg authors you should read

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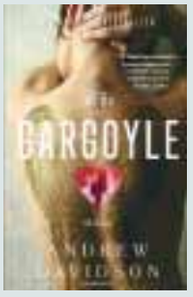

The Gargoyle by Andrew Davidson

A man loses everything but his life after crashing his vehicle and nearly burning to death, but his journey towards healing takes a turn for the mysterious after he meets a woman who says she knew him in a past life — and claims to be hundreds of years old. Touching, beautifully written without being exhaustively described, The Gargoyle is one of the best books to come out of a Winnipeg author this century.

2

Summer of my Amazing Luck by Miriam Toews

A single mom on welfare doesn't seem like the best place to start for a hilarious book, but it's the backdrop to one of the funniest stories you'll read in ages. Summer of My Amazing Luck deservedly propelled Toews front and centre of Manitoba's (and Canada's) literary stage 15 years ago, leading to a Governor General award for A Complicated Kindness, her next novel.

3

The Burning Time by Carol Matas

This is one of Matas' lesser-known stories, about a girl finding the courage to protect herself and her mother from the injustices placed upon them. The Burning Time is set in 16th century France, where women are accused of being witches. The novel's strong, young heroine is easy for teens to relate to as she struggles with the lack of dignity towards women, romance, and becoming a woman herself.

4

A Thousand Farewells by Nahlah Ayed

Craig Hanley of McNally Robinson Booksellers recommends Ayed's memoir about her time growing up in Winnipeg, moving to a refugee camp in Jordan, then returning to Winnipeg and eventually becoming a journalist. Of course there's lots of mention of Winnipeg's influence on her life — but what Hanley points out as exceptional is the emphasis Ayed puts on the lives of children in the Middle East.

5

A Walk in Pirate's Cove by Marisa Hochman, illustrated by Bette Woodland

Alex Kroeger of McNally Robinson's kids' section recommends this colourful picture book for both adults and kids. It boasts beautiful illustrations of childhood memories at Winnipeg Beach that anyone who has spent a summer day at the beach can share in. Hochman said in an interview with CBC that residents of the Interlake especially will "delight in finding the small silhouette of the water tower on the final page of the story, or in recognizing the footbridge over Boundary Creek marsh."

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The streets outlined in red are the streets where the proposed fee changes may take place. METRO/CITY OF WINNIPEG

Drivers, get ready to double up

Core parking. Downtown, Exchange District prime street-parking spots to double in cost

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Winnipeggers may be coughing up a toonie instead of a loonie to pay for an hour of parking on some downtown and Exchange District area streets.

A new city report says the pay rate for parking should be increased to $2 from $1 on select streets.

Meter rates extended

- In addition to the doubling of charges, some streets near the proposed Sports, Hospitality and Entertainment District will see the meter rates continue to 8:30 p.m. instead of the previous 5:30 p.m.

The city says high-demand areas will see the increase in an effort to generate more revenue and to dissuade people from parking on the street for long periods of time.

The changes will hopefully "generate turnover of the high demand on-street spaces to make room for additional customers and visitors to the area."

"The basic pricing principle for generating this turnover is that on-street parking should be more expensive over the longer term than off-street parking," states a city press release. "A vacancy rate of 15 per cent will allow nine out of 10 motorists to find on-street parking within three blocks of their destination without having to circle and look for an open space.

The report will go before the city's Alternate Service Delivery Committee on July 6 and from there to council on July 25.

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Restaurant closing. 'Winnipeg's best clubhouse' says goodbye next Friday

The Wagon Wheel restaurant will be closing its doors July 13 after an extension was given in March.

The small Hargrave Street diner has been a popular destination for its homemade soups, sandwiches, and its specialty item — the clubhouse — for more than 50 years, and owner Fran Gomez has worked there for more than 25 years.

"We're just doing what we've always done. When we close I'll take some holidays to relax, and then we'll see," she said.

The Norlyn Building, which houses the Wagon Wheel, is slated for demolition this summer as part of CentreVenture's SHED plan to make room for the Longboat ALT Hotel Tower's parking lot.

Wagon Wheel owner Fran Gomez
LAUREN PARSONS/METRO

The hotel is owned by Groupe Germain, a hotel chain based in Quebec, and is expected to open in September of 2013.

Stan Rowbotham has been going to the Wagon Wheel for the past 18 years.

Rowbotham, who owns and operates the Stan-wiches catering food truck, has asked Gomez to join him in starting up a new food truck to sell the clubhouses and other favourites.

Quoted

"It's one of those places where everybody knows your name."

Stan Rowbotham, customer for the past 18 years

But Gomez doesn't think that will happen.

"That's just an idea. Some things don't last forever, you know, life goes on," she said.

Like many other regular customers, Rowbotham will have to savour the restaurant's final days.

"If you've never been there, you need to rush in now and get a clubhouse — it's worth it," he said. LAUREN PARSONS/METRO

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As of October 20, 2012, local calls dialed without the area code will not be completed.

A new area code: 431. The new area code 431 will be gradually introduced starting November 3, 2012, and will co-exist with area code 204.The new code will simply join the current one, with no impact on existing telephone numbers – a real advantage. The new area code will be assigned only when the existing inventory of 204 numbers is used up.

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Easy to detect. But malware could knock thousands offline

The warnings about the Internet problem have been splashed across Facebook and Google.

Internet service providers have sent notices, and the FBI set up a special website. But hundreds of thousands of people around the world may still lose their Internet service Monday unless they do a quick check of their computers for malware that could have taken over their machines more than a year ago.

Despite repeated alerts, the number of computers that probably are infected is more than 277,000 worldwide, down from about 360,000 in April.

Users whose computers are still infected Monday will lose their ability to go online, and they will have to call their service providers for help deleting malware and reconnecting.

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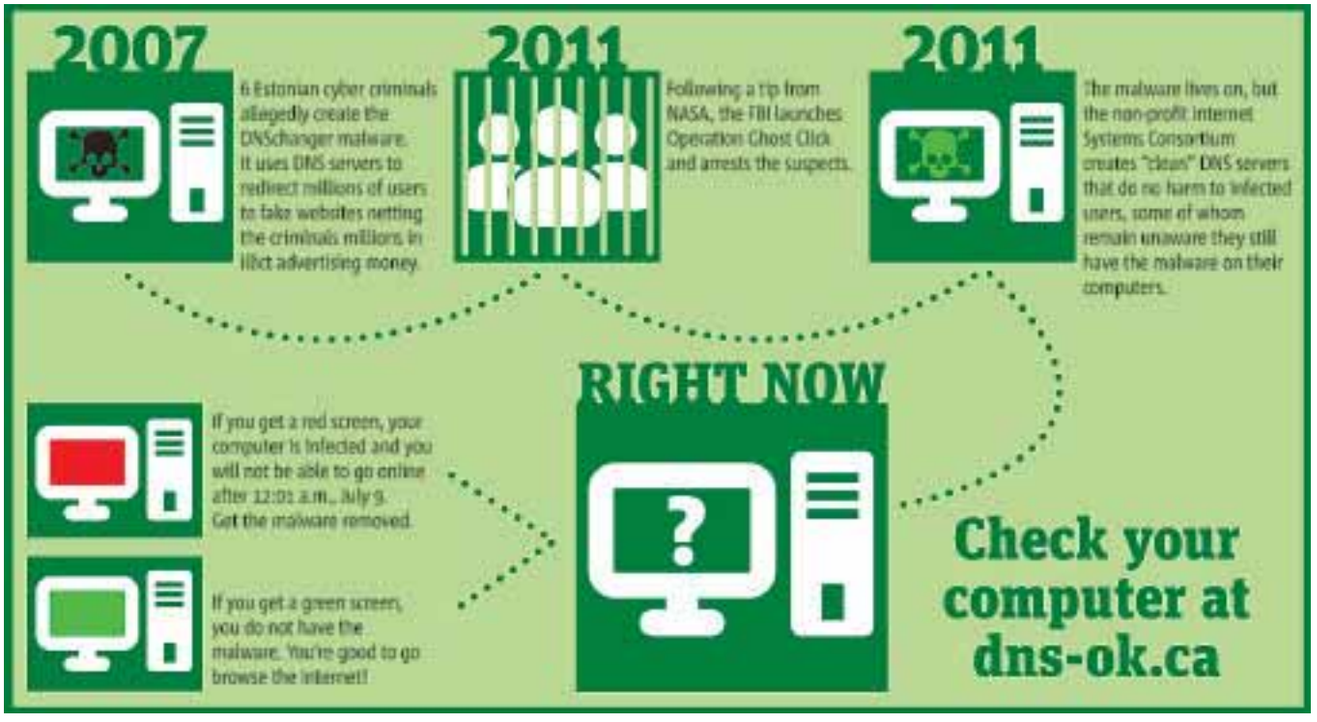
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Following a tip from NASA, the FBI launches Operation Ghost Click and arrests the suspects.
2011
The malware lives on, but the non-profit Internet Systems Consortium creates "clean" DNS servers that do no harm to infected users, some of whom remain unaware they still have the malware on their computers.
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WikiLeaks Syrian emails will embarrass all sides

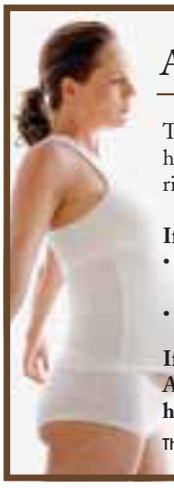
The first batch of 2.4 million emails from Syria being released by the whistle-blowing WikiLeaks reveals alleged high-level deals by an international arms and telecom supplier to equip the regime.

"The material is embarrassing to Syria, but it is also embarrassing to Syria's opponents," WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said in a statement. Assange is currently seeking asylum at the Ecuadorean Embassy in London. He is wanted by British police.

Finmeccanica "sold to Syria one of its leading products: the Tetra system, a communications network that allows conversations and transmission of data and has been a commercial success worldwide," L'Espresso newspaper reported Thursday.

Seven news organizations that partnered with WikiLeaks began publishing stories based on the data. "One thing is obvious ... the hypocrisy of global politics has reached a new high when dealing with Syria," said Ibrahim al-Amin, editor of Al-Akhbar, one of the partners in the exercise.

"It helps us not merely to criticize one group or another, but to understand their interests, actions and thoughts. It is only through understanding this conflict that we can ... resolve it," said Assange. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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World's newest panda

Baby panda born in Tokyo

A panda has been born at a Tokyo's Ueno Zoo for the first time in 24 years. The panda was born Thursday to Shin Shin, age seven. The gender is yet to be known. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sticky fingers

Bee thief robbing hives in Alberta

A honey producer is warning beekeepers in northwest Alberta to be on the lookout for robbers. Bill Termeer of Sexsmith says he's out $60,000 after someone stole from his operation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Taiwan

Dog owner busted by Google map

A Taiwanese judge used a Google map showing an unleashed dog to hold a man responsible for his neighbour's bicycle accident.

A defendant surnamed Lee denied being the dog's owner and causing injury through negligence. But a judge said Thursday that a two-year-old Google Street View picture showed the dog standing in Lee's yard, which meant he was its owner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Air France. Pilot error and faulty equipment at root of deadly 2009 crash

A combination of faulty sensors and mistakes by inadequately trained pilots caused an Air France jet to plunge into the Atlantic Ocean in 2009, killing all 228 people aboard in the airline's deadliest ever crash, French investigators said Thursday.

Investigators are urging better instruction for pilots on flying manually at high altitudes and stricter plane certification rules as a result of a three-year investigation into what happened to Flight 447.

Airbus, manufacturer of the A330 plane, said in a statement that it is working to improve speed sensors known as pitot tubes and making other efforts.

Air France stressed the equipment troubles and insisted the pilots "acted in line with the information provided by the cockpit instruments and systems.... The reading of the various data did not enable them to apply the appropriate action."

Flying from Rio to Paris the jet slammed into the sea during a nighttime thunderstorm. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unloading debris in 2009 from the crashed Air France jet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pecking order

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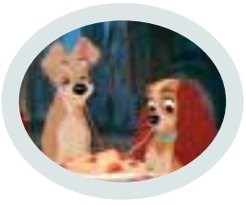
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (1937): You really can't get more romantic than the spell-breaking power of love's first kiss. Throw in Doc, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, Bashful, Sneezy, and Dopey, plus a Noah's Ark's worth of cuddly woodland creatures looking all weepy-eyed before the prince's peck, and the anticipation is bases-loaded heart-thumping. Then Snow White awakens from her poisoned-apple coma and the crowd goes crazy as the heroine and her hero ride off into the sunset.



Lady and the Tramp (1955): After they each slurp down a strand from a shared plate of spaghetti, the restaurateur enhances the mood by serenading the star-crossed pooches with Bella Notte on his accordion. While lost in the melody, they find themselves munching on opposite ends of a long noodle. The brief snout-on-snout action is cut short by Lady's shyness, but then Tramp nuzzles a meatball toward her and puppy love twinkles in both their eyes.

Planet of the Apes (1968): "Doctor, I'd Like to kiss you goodbye," Taylor says. "All right ... but you're so damned ugly," replies Zira before allowing Charlton Heston to peck her on the lips. It's the last sweet interspecies moment in the sci-fi classic before the famous "damn you all to hell" denouement, when the astronaut sees the remnants of the Statue of Liberty while riding along the shoreline and comes to the stunning realization that he's not on an alien planet after all, but on a post-apocalyptic Earth.

Ghost (1990): The steamy potter's-wheel scene, with Patrick Swayze placing his hands over Demi Moore's clay-covered fingers and nibbling on her neck, while the Righteous Brothers' Unchained Melody plays in the background, jump-started a glaze craze that is still with us over 20 years later. The scene has been paid homage to and parodied ad nauseum, most recently in an episode of NBC's Community, where a pottery teacher adopts a zero-Ghost-tolerance policy of both "ironic" and "sincere" re-enactments.

Spider-Man (2002): "You have a knack for saving my life. I think I have a superhero stalker," a rain-soaked Mary-Jane (Kirsten Dunst) teases before pulling away half of Spider-Man's (Tobey Maguire) mask to access his lips. The ensuing dangling, upside-down smooch inspired thousands of couples to try the move out on jungle gyms and other inversion apparatuses. Home-gamers recreating the tender Spidey moment, here's a tip: The horizontal version is a lot safer.

Twilight (2008): "Just stay very still ... don't move," Edward warns while leaning in. A breathy makeout session is always more exciting when there's a chance a vampire's hormones will go out of control and the affair will turn into a bloodletting. The chaste passion between Bella and her sensitive bloodsucker boyfriend (they wait four movies and until marriage before going all the way) stirred up an uproar in some circles with debates raging about whether they should condone or condemn the fictional relationship.

Nothing wrong with a little affection

Survey. Most Canadians unfazed by PDA

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Are you a fan of the PDA? Friday is International Kissing Day, and a new survey from the matchmaking website Zoosk.com has found the vast majority of Canadians have no problems puckering up in public.

Of the more than 1,163 Canadians surveyed, a whopping 93 per cent confessed they were fine with public displays of affection. Women are ever-so-slightly more modest than their male counterparts: 51 per cent of the ladies who responded said that public kissing in moderation is fine, while 61 per cent of the fellas said anything goes.

"The high numbers of people that are OK with PDA is indicative of our easygoing tolerance and acceptance — qualities that are consummately Canadian," says Toronto etiquette expert Karen Cleveland. She says that attitudes towards kissing in public have softened over the years, but is quick to warn there is still such a thing as going too far.

"A good rule of thumb is to avoid doing anything you'd be embarrassed to do in front of your grandparents," says Cleveland. "That means no groping and no tongue."

Dating consultant Shannon Tebb says location matters. "If you're on a subway car or in a doctor's office — anywhere confined with other people — it's probably best to avoid big displays," says Tebb. "If you're on the street, it's more acceptable."

If you've decided to go for the public smooch, why not make your partner happy? According to Zoosk.com, most Canadian men prefer sensual kisses on the lips, while the majority of women like the so-called French kiss.

Those with female partners should be extra observant, as most women said being with a good kisser is important. But men were less concerned because their partners "may be better at other things." We'll let you ponder that one for yourselves.

The history of the kiss

- **Prehistoric times.** Couples kiss to taste saliva and find a suitable mate.
- **1500 BC.** Vedic Sanskrit texts from India reference "drinking moisture of the lips."
- **300 AD.** The Kama Sutra contains an entire chapter on the art of kissing.
- **0-500 AD.** The Romans, a kiss-crazy people, spread the practice across their empire.
- **1872.** Charles Darwin hypothesizes that kissing is an innate urge all humans share.

We asked: What was your worst kiss?

"After a bag of nacho-cheese Doritos. Full-on tongue. That was terrible."
Rachel Fine, 27, master's student/bartender

"My first spin-the-bottle in Grade 7. I had never French kissed. He came at me tongue out." Melanie Spence, 28, unemployed

"Truth-or-dare in high school. It was one of those friends you just don't want to kiss."
Natisha Cohen, 27, instructor

"It involved a lot of teeth, which is never good."
Shane Adamczak, 29, performer

"In high school with this really dumb guy. I don't know why I was with him."
Natalie Bartlett, 27, registered nurse

"I've never had (a bad) one. Kisses are great."
Evan Thompson, 49, philosophy teacher

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Employer appetite to hire down compared to 2011

Survey. 40 per cent of hiring managers planning to bring on new full-timers in second half of 2012

A new survey suggests fewer Canadian employers expect to add more permanent full-time jobs in the second half of 2012 than they did in last year's poll.

The Harris Interactive survey found that 40 per cent of hiring managers said they were planning to hire new permanent, full-time employees by the end of the year, compared with 43 per cent in the second half of 2011.

The countrywide survey was conducted between May 14 and June 4 on behalf of website CareerBuilder Canada.

Results from among 292 hiring managers and human-resource professionals contacted found that in addition to the 40 per cent who expected to add high full-time employees, 22 per cent planned to add part-time workers and 26 per cent contract or temporary employees. Some 17 per cent said they would take on interns.

"Canada's job market continues to grow with jobs opening up in a wide variety of functions and industries," said Brent Rasmussen, president of CareerBuilder North America.

"(But) while employers are more confident about their revenue prospects and expansion opportunities in the back half of 2012, they remain watchful of the global economic recovery and market dynamics in their own backyard." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Employer concerns

The competition for talent was also reflected in employer responses, with 44 per cent acknowledging they were concerned about losing valued workers. More than a quarter of employers — 27 per cent — said they had lost some of their top talent in the second quarter of 2012.

Economy slowing sales

A shopper fills her cart at a Target store in Chicago on Thursday. Shoppers, worried about jobs and the overall economy, pulled back on spending in June, resulting in tepid sales for many retailers. Many merchants reported disappointing sales for last month.

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Aeronautics

Boeing delivers 150 planes in 2Q

Boeing Co. said on Thursday that it has delivered 287 commercial airplanes so far this year, including a total of 11 of its new 787s.

The 787 deliveries are being closely watched because Boeing is ramping up production of that plane at both its Everett, Wash., factory and a new line in North Charleston, S.C. Boeing delivered six of those planes in the second quarter.

Barclays analyst Carter Copeland said the 787 deliveries were less than many analysts expected, but shouldn't hurt Boeing's earnings because profit margins on that plane are thin anyway.

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Airlines

WestJet reports growth in June

WestJet Airlines said its flights had fewer empty seats in June compared with a year ago as the airline also increased capacity.

Calgary-based WestJet reported Thursday a load factor — the proportion of seats filled on its flights — of 79 per cent for June, up from 75.7 per cent in June 2011 when Air Canada suffered a brief strike by its customer service agents. The increase came as passenger traffic climbed 6.7 per cent from the same time last year, while capacity increased 2.3 per cent.

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Telecom

Cabinet upholds phone ruling

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's cabinet has upheld a CRTC ruling that allows big telephone companies to compete against smaller ones in rural areas.

Smaller phone companies from Ontario, Quebec and B.C. petitioned cabinet to overturn a May 2011 decision by Canada's telecom regulator to allow competition in some rural and remote parts of the country.

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Market Minute

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TSX
11,816.91 (-96.96)

OIL
$87.22 US (-44¢)

GOLD
$1,609.40 US (-$12.40)

Natural gas: $2.945 US (+4.6¢)
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Tim Hortons. Coffee-and-doughnut chain poised to introduce free wireless Internet at 2,000 locations

Double-double addicts will soon have another reason to stop into one of the thousands of Tim Hortons outlets across the country.

The coffee-and-doughnut chain announced Thursday that it is working to roll out free wireless Internet to more than 2,000 locations.

It expects 90 per cent of its so-called "traditional" outlets across Canada will offer free Wi-Fi by September.

The plan does not include its non-traditional outlets, including kiosks, gas stations and hospital locations.

The service is being provided through a partnership with Bell.

Tim Hortons joins other chains such as McDonald's, Second Cup and Starbucks that already offer free Wi-Fi access at many of its locations.

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A server pours a cup of coffee at a Tim Hortons' in Toronto on Thursday.

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MARRIAGE: IMPOSSIBLE

THE LIST
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1 **Tom Cruise at 50:** It's been only five years since the Scientologist jumped on Oprah's couch to profess his love for Katie Holmes. Now with a pending divorce (Katie apparently wants to protect her daughter Suri from being indoctrinated into Scientology), things are not looking up for Cruise, who turned 50 this week. Eyes Wide Shut.

2 **Anderson Cooper:** The CNN anchor came out of the closet this week. "The fact is, I'm gay, always have been, always will be, and I couldn't be any more happy, comfortable with myself, and proud," he wrote in an email published on his friend Andrew Sullivan's blog. Cooper decided he was doing more harm than good by not coming out. Kudos.

3 **Soccer:** Spain staked its claim as being one of the best teams in world football history by winning a record third straight major title, routing Italy 4-0 in the Euro Cup final. What Italy did show is they have one of the more dynamic and stylin' young strikers in football — Mario (Super Mario) Balotelli.

4 **Good Afternoon America:** Good Morning America is getting a nine-week summer afternoon spinoff series in Good Afternoon America. It launches on Monday, and if ratings go well and the show continues in the fall, could we see a Good Night America spinoff? Nah, that name is too ominous.

5 **Steve Nash:** Canada was having Steve Nash fever, with basketball fans across the country salivating at the prospect of the star signing with the Toronto Raptors. But it was all just a Hollywood dream with no happy ending, as Nash instead went to the L.A. Lakers where he will play with Kobe. And win a title.

6 **Carly Rae Jepsen:** The pop sensation came to Peterborough, Ont., Wednesday, performing to one of the largest crowds in the history of the city's Little Lake Musicfest. She had the fans in the palm of her hands, finishing the night with them singing along to her summer hit Call Me Maybe. I was there with my daughters, and, shh, was singing right along.

7 **London calling:** Jessica Zelinka announced herself as possibly Canada's best female athlete, winning the 100-metre hurdles shortly after breaking her own Canadian record in the heptathlon. She tweeted about her next step: a berth in the Summer Olympics. "@JessicaZelinka: Crashing after riding the high all week. Thanks for sharing this crazy journey with me. London here we come!!"

8 **Chris Brown:** The bad rapper wannabe released a new verse on a remixed track, I Don't Like, ripping his adversary Drake for their nightclub brawl in June. Brown slams Drake for "throwin' bottles" while he himself is "throwin' models." This stupid boy fight over Rihanna has evolved into the dumbest hip hop beef in music history.

9 **Jose Bautista:** The slugger earned his third straight all-star berth when major league baseball announced its starting lineups for next week's game in Kansas City. Bautista, who set a Blue Jays record with 15 homers in the month of June, is the silver lining on a Jays team that is going downhill fast with all their injured starting pitchers.

10 **Doug Pitt:** Brad Pitt's little brother Doug stars in a rather quirky commercial that went viral for Virgin Mobile Australia. In the ad, titled, 'Meet Doug Pitt, the second most famous Pitt in his family,' we're given a tour by Doug inside his middle-class home and lifestyle. No, Angelina Jolie's brother James Haven does not make a cameo.

11 **Train:** Train is on a big U.S. tour but is making two Canadian stops next week, one in Montreal (July 10) and the next night in Toronto. So if you're proposing to your girlfriend this summer, the perfect time to do it is with a flash mob at their concert when they're singing Marry Me.

12 **Detroit zombie theme park:** A Detroit company, Z World Detroit LLC., wants to turn one of the city's abandoned neighbourhoods into a massive zombie theme park. Now there's sure to be a lot of political red tape, but it's definitely one of the more creative solutions proposed to helping turn Detroit's economy around — and a radical rethinking of urban redevelopment.

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'Cheese' is this puppy's last word

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Canine portraits

Raising awareness for euthanized dogs

Taiwanese photographer Tou Chih-kang tries to make a portrait of a puppy in the final moments of its life before being put down at a shelter in Taoyuan, northern Taiwan, in this April photo.

Chih-kang has been visiting dog shelters for two years now, making human-like portraits that give a sense of dignity and esteem to some 400 canines, in hopes of educating the public on the proper care of pets.

Activists say that some 70 per cent of dogs in Taiwanese shelters are killed after a 12-day waiting period.

The pictures are Tou Chih-kang's way of trying to encourage responsibility among Taiwanese dog owners, who abandon their pets when they tire of them.

His photos will be exhibited in a full-scale show in southern Taiwan next month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A puppy is pictured at a government-run shelter in Taoyuan, northern Taiwan.

Doomed shelter pups

80,000

This year Taiwanese authorities will kill an estimated 80,000 stray dogs at 38 pounds scattered throughout the island.

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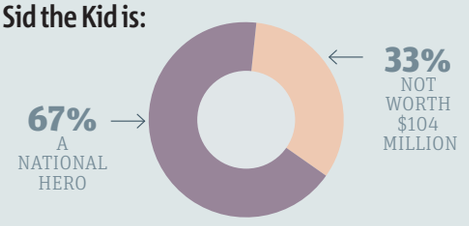

Twitter

@Alix92CitiFm: Just saw a woman at a light throw out her banana peel from her car right on the street. Really? The world is not your trash bin! #Winnipeg

@ShawnNason1: Interesting..wife's nearly blind grandma got new garbage bin--problem she couldn't read the sign "do not use until October" #fail #winnipeg

@robinesrock: Scorching hot day in Winnipeg, perfect to hit the fine sands of Grand Beach, then pitch a tent at the Winnipeg Folk Festival #wff2012

@sphiweb: how can I get a flat stomach by not exercising and eating whatever I want

@ChefAlex: Men in skirts shouldn't do yoga. @Winnipegfolk

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Can the leads of Savages hold their own with the scenery? HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Stone's Savages — flamboyant and fun

Standard drug flick. Savages ticks each requisite off the list — a California cutie, a threesome and Benicio Del Toro as a Mexican bad guy

Richard: Mark, I knew I was in for an over-the-top Oliver Stone movie from Savages' opening minutes. The "wargasm" reference was my first clue and by the time Benicio Del Toro literally twirled his moustache like a pantomime baddie, I knew this wasn't the same director who gave us W and World Trade Center, this is Stone in Natural Born Killers mode. It's wild, but I found it more flamboyant than fun. You?

Mark: Well, Richard, let's see ... guns, drugs, threesomes; sounds like hanging out with Sam Kinison in the '80s. Actually, I think this is Stone's best picture since Reagan was President. He's working viscerally here and you can feel everything: the coastal languors of Laguna Beach, the scuzziness of Mexican border towns, Blake Lively's silken suntan. For a violent popcorn movie, I found it pretty sensual. Did you think the leads held their own with the scenery?

RC: It's definitely a good-looking movie from the stars to the scenery, but I thought the cast was really interesting as well as pretty. Johnson and Kitsch are good and evil, flip sides of the same coin, Lively isn't as sprightly as her name might suggest, but she does do damaged quite well. I also enjoyed Travolta, Hayek and Del Toro chewing the scenery but I felt it hard to care about any of them. They're all rather despicable, and I found myself hoping they'd all end up in a Mexican standoff.

Synopsis

Aaron Johnson and Taylor Kitsch are Ben and Chon, entrepreneurs, drug dealers and two thirds of a love triangle with California cutie Ophelia (Blake Lively). They sell a potent strain of legal medical grade marijuana but also siphon off some for illicit practice and profit, which earns the attention of a Mexican Baja drug Cartel run by Elena (Salma Hayek). She'll do anything to create a "joint" venture, including kidnapping their shared paramour.

- Richard: ●●○○○
- Mark: ●●●●○

MB: Well, it is a drug movie after all, so you know there will be double-crosses galore. I think you're supposed to care about the Blake Lively character, as the innocent of the bunch, but she's a bit vapid to really identify with. Del Toro makes, as usual, a great baddie, although Travolta stole the show for me with his corrupt DEA agent. But you'd think for a guy on the take, he'd have a much better haircut.

RC: Ha! It's a haircut almost as bad as the ending. No spoilers ... but it felt like a cheat.

MB: The ending wants to have its pot brownie and eat it too, but I appreciated the attempt to play with the narrative and our expectations. For me, it was flamboyant *and* fun.

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Scene in brief

Spy style

If there's one thing James Bond has taught us, it's that behind every great spy is a great tailor. A new exhibition at London's Barbican Centre explores the style of the suave secret agent, displaying costumes, props, set pieces and design drawings from half a century of 007 films. Assembled with help from the films' producers, the exhibition includes the spy's tuxedos, Bond girl ballgowns and villains' vestments, as well as a selection of props, gadgets and sketches of the films' exotic sets. It pays tribute to the British, European and American craftspeople and designers who have created the look of the quintessentially British icon. "Designing 007" opens Friday and runs to Sept. 5. It will then tour internationally, opening at the TIFF Bell Lightbox in Toronto in October.

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Oliver Stone's favourite femmes

Filmmaker shares his picks for the strongest female characters in film history

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Some of Oliver Stone's best-known and most-celebrated films — including Platoon, Wall Street, and Born on the Fourth of July — focus on complicated men.

But his latest, the violent drug thriller Savages, has a formidable female at its centre: Salma Hayek as the stylish, ruthless leader of a Mexican drug cartel.

In that spirit, Stone was kind enough to pick five of his favourite examples of strong women throughout film history. Here he is, in his own words:

To begin with, that is quite a reduction from the dozens of screen roles that are still living in my memory. In these selections, I'm going to exclude every movie that Meryl Streep has ever done, because whatever she does rivets my attention.

Marlene Dietrich in Dishonored

In a larger-than-life fashion, I would like to cite Marlene Dietrich in several roles, but particularly for one of her first roles with Josef von Sternberg in Dishonored (1931). She plays a withering Mata Hari opposite several men, among them her nemesis — Victor McLaglen (of all people!) in an early role as the Russian spymaster who figures out her act.

Marlene Dietrich in The Scarlet Empress

In the same vein, Dietrich again for her role as a young Catherine the Great in von Sternberg's The Scarlet Empress (1934). She is a rather pristine, almost elegant young maiden sent off on an arranged marriage to a madman. She grows into a true empress, and ultimately destroys him.

Faye Dunaway in Network

Faye Dunaway in Network (1976) is certainly one of the coldest bitches of all time, but is hilarious to watch in her mannerisms, Paddy Chayefsky's dialogue, and her cool toying with William Holden's love and marriage. I thought Dunaway was equally effective in Mommie Dearest (1981). She was a better Joan Crawford than even Joan Crawford.

Joan Crawford in Mildred Pierce

I know I'm leaning toward excess, but if you want a little bit of heart in this thing, I would point to Crawford herself in the great melodrama Michael Curtiz directed, Mildred Pierce (1945), which I equate with that dark, post-war period. Crawford is unbelievably good, and won the Oscar opposite Zachary Scott and Jack Carson.

Hailee Steinfeld in True Grit

To go in a completely different direction, Hailee Steinfeld in True Grit (2010). She plays a 14-year-old girl with a great moral centre and moves mountains in her quest. She grows into the heart and soul of a wonderful movie by the Coen brothers.

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Summer summed up: The Avengers

Box office. Fickle fair-weather audiences agree on the Marvel Comics mashup, which accounts for one-third of summer revenues

The Avengers has raked in $600 million domestically. HANDOUT

The audiences are proving far more unpredictable than the movies Hollywood has created to pack them into theatres this summer.

Studios have released a familiar assortment of action tales, family flicks and star-driven comedies since the summer-blockbuster season began in early May. Yet while overall business has been solid, fans have been choosier than usual, spending a fortune on one superhero sensation, kicking in for a handful of midline hits and generally bypassing everything else.

Movies featuring box-office heavyweights Johnny Depp (Dark Shadows), Tom Cruise (Rock of Ages) and Adam Sandler (That's My Boy) fell flat, as did the action spectacle Battleship.

Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones pulled in fair crowds for Men in Black 3, though the action comedy played to a smaller audience than its predecessors. The animated tales Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted and Brave joined the action adventures Snow White & the Huntsman and Prometheus as $100 million hits.

But nearing its midpoint, a summer that looked like an easy record-breaker at the start really can be summed up in two words: The Avengers.

With $600 million domestically, the Marvel Comics superhero mashup accounts for a third of Hollywood's summer revenues, taking in more than the rest of the season's top-five movies combined.

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The Hunger Games (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10
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The Pirates! Band of Misfits (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-5:20-7:30-9:40
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1555 Regent Ave W, 204-663-2166
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People Like Us (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:55-7:40-10:10
Ted (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:45-5:15-7:55-10:30

Grant Park 8 Cinemas 1120 Grant Ave., 204-453-4084

The Amazing Spider-Man (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:35
The Amazing Spider-Man 3D (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:50
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-4:05-7:05
Brave (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:25
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Magic Mike (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:10-3:30-6:30-9:55
People Like Us (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:55-4:10-7:15-10:10
Savages (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:20-3:35-6:35-9:35
Take This Waltz (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 10:05
Ted (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-3:55-7-10

IMAX Theatre at Portage Place Y003-393 Portage Avenue, 204-956-4629

Born to Be Wild 3D (G) Fri 12 Tue 1 Thu 12
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Dark Shadows: The IMAX Experience (14A) Fri 3:15-7:15 Sat 2:30-8:15 Sun 3:30 Tue 3:15 Wed 2 Thu 2:15
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Tornado Alley 3D (G) Sat 1:15

Landmark Globe Cinema 393 Portage Ave, 204-943-1583

Crooked Arrows (STC) Fri-Thu 7:15-9:45
Headhunters (STC) Fri-Thu 7:20-9:50
People Like Us (PG) Fri-Thu 7-9:40

Landmark Towne Cinema 8
301 Notre Dame Avenue, 204-947-2848
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SilverCity Polo Park 815 St. James Street, 204-774-1001

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Did you know?

Even more useless information

SOUND CHECK
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I spent an ungodly amount of time researching music for The Secret Music of Rock (my weekly radio show) and a museum exhibit due to open in Kansas City this fall. I continually uncover some pretty wacky things that I feel duty-bound to report to you. I swear that none of this is made up.

• It's estimated that around the world, 5,000 people make a full-time living from The Beatles. This not only includes people at their record label, their publishing company and their various offices, but writers, researchers, collectors and various other full-time Beatles experts.

• Your dog thinks your music is noise. Because they perceive sound differently than we do (it has to do with their hearing ability, frequencies of their vocalizations and their resting heartbeat), dogs can't perceive music the way we do. Cats, on the other hand, have a certain appreciation for songs that have a fast beat and plenty of high notes. However, studies have proven that both dogs and cats become agitated by heavy metal.

• One of the most expensive gramophones ever produced was called an auxetophone, which amplified music by means of a convoluted compressed air system. (Electronic amplification was still 20 years in the future.) When it went on sale in 1906, it sold for $500, the equivalent of more than $12,000 today.

• Ramones drummer Marky Ramone has his own brand of marinara sauce. It's also used by a food truck in Brooklyn called Cruisin' Kitchen.

• The World Musical Chairs Championships was held last month in Amesbury, Massachusetts. More than 500 people participated. Next year's goal is to attract 8,000.

• In Japan, the maximum penalty for uploading songs for the intent for others to download them illegally is $125,000 and 10 years in jail.

Like father, like son

Music. Adam Cohen enjoying career high at the same time as poet father, Leonard

Adam Cohen's latest album, Like a Man, is garnering critical acclaim.
HANDOUT

Leonard Cohen has been enjoying such a charmed year musically that it's hard to imagine how even the masterfully morose poet could locate a downside in 2012.

His first album in more than seven years, Old Ideas, became his first to top the charts in Canada en route to platinum sales, and caused critics to collectively lose their breath. Meanwhile, the 77-year-old Montreal-born singer won the prestigious Glenn Gould Prize and the inaugural PEN songwriting prize while charting an ambitious globe-spanning tour for the second half of the year.

Well, it's been a heady year for Leonard's son, Adam, as well. The 39-year-old also released an album after a seven-year-plus layoff of his own, and the musical reinvention Like a Man is his most acclaimed work to date. In the coming weeks, he'll open for the likes of Bob Dylan, Norah Jones and Rufus Wainwright.

But his own success aside, he's enjoying his father's renaissance as much as anyone.

"I do think it's a coincidence, but at the same time, I also know that to be in his wake is a delicious and satisfying occurrence," says the younger Cohen in a telephone interview this week from Montreal, where he's in rehearsals.

"I've often said that what I think is the distinguishing trait with my father is that he remains to me pertinent and anything but a nostalgia act. It gives me great pleasure to bear witness."

In fact, it was his father who in part inspired Adam Cohen's late-career left-turn.

He issued his self-titled debut back in 1998, and in 2004 followed with a French-language album, as well as a disc as frontman of the alt-rock outfit Low Millions.

None of the records gained much traction, and he's now quick to question his own artistic priorities during those fledgling stages of his career.

"I was so preoccupied with trying to play in the highest ranks of pop music," he says. "My esthetic goals were tight jeans, four chords and sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. I wasn't focused on the art."

Eventually, things started to seem dire. He contemplated quitting music altogether.

"I thought that I had basically tried and failed, and that I was already on the outs," he says. "When you're relegated to scoring porno flicks, writing for others, pitching for movies and commercials, a certain reality does dawn on you."

The whole time he had the songs that comprise Like a Man in his back pocket. He'd been hesitant to record them — in part because of how closely they hewed to his dad's classic work — a mistake he now considers "tragic."

So what changed his mind? When he became a father himself, he began to reconcile his relationship to his own dad's music, or as he puts it, the "family business." Afraid of the perception of nepotism, he had always shunned those influences that would inevitably creep into his music.

Now, the intimate, spare Like a Man invites those comparisons.

"This record is a claiming of an identity, an embrace and a declaration of belonging," he says. "And also, it's a coming of age record. It's reconciling where I've been with where I want to be.

"I thought carving out a path for myself meant outside of the family farm," he adds.

"I found my place is much more true within it."

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Quoted

"Now I'm finding such joy in it. I want to celebrate the guy while he's still around."

Adam Cohen on paying tribute to his dad during performances

CRAZY Weather?!

By Steven Sarens

As usual we have experienced some crazy weather patterns this year. With the incredible spring weather, we started building almost three weeks earlier than usual. After that it would be T-shirts one day and long johns the next. Although the temperatures fluctuated quite a bit it was still fairly nice given the time of year but then prior to the hot weather this week we had a few weeks that were wet cold and gloomy and this is what I would like to comment on. It seems that the weather can play a pretty important role to our state of well being.

Some time ago a past customer of mine was commenting on how she enjoyed reading my articles (at least I know someone is reading them). She also mentioned that I should consider writing about the health aspects of owning a sunroom. Prior to having her sunroom she said that she would often suffer periods of depression and since having her sunroom she rarely had it since! When you think about it, how do they often treat depression? Light therapy! Which is exactly what you have in a sunroom - lots of light! This is one of the intangiable benefits (aside from being mosquito free and out of the rain and wind), that makes owning a sunroom such an investment in your lifestyle. So when you get tired (and depressed) of sitting inside the house wishing you could spend time outdoors, give us a call at 940-3030 or visit our display at 265 Sutherland Avenue and we will show you how you can enjoy life more and have a much "sunnier" disposition.

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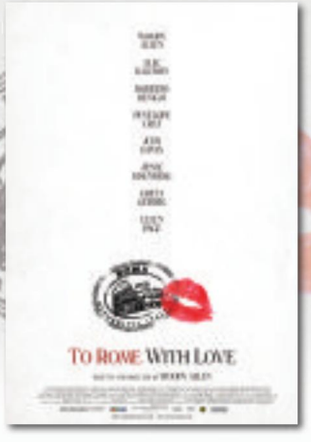

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Victoria Secret model Miranda Kerr ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Miranda Kerr's labour of love a little tougher than expected

Victoria's Secret Angel Miranda Kerr, wife of Orlando Bloom, knew she wanted to have their baby without drugs; she gave birth to son Flynn Christopher back in January. "I had made a decision that I wanted to do it [naturally]," she says in the August issue of Harper's Bazaar UK.

"It was a long, arduous and difficult labour," she continued, "but Orlando was with me the whole time supporting and guiding me through it. I could not have done it without him."

Birth battle

"It was a long, arduous and difficult labour, but Orlando was... guiding me through it."

Victoria Secret model Miranda Kerr, on giving birth naturally, sans epidural

Jeremy Renner

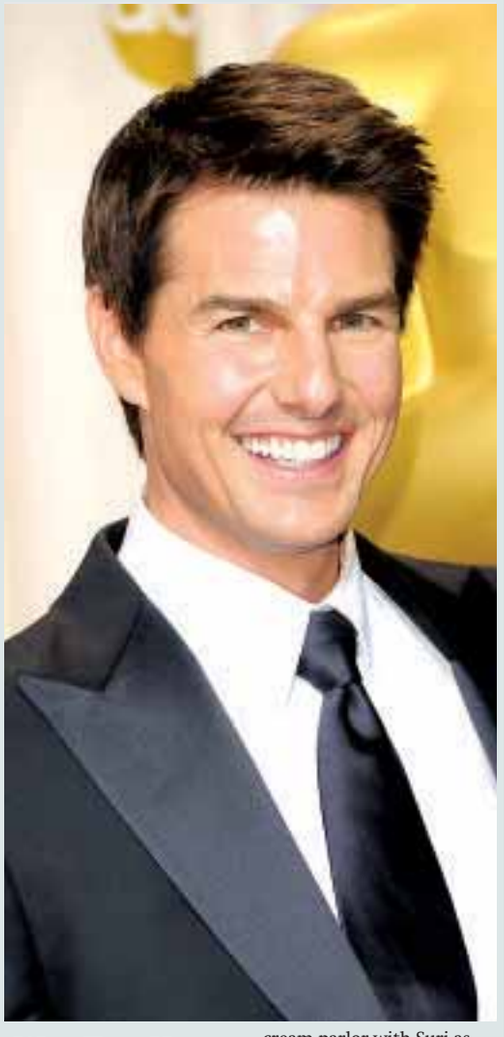
Jeremy Renner, amateur real-estate agent?

The Bourne realtor? Jeremy Renner, star of the new Bourne Legacy film, has a side gig flipping houses in Los Angeles, according to an interview in the new issue of Esquire magazine.

He's renovated more than 15 homes since 2002, reports the magazine, including a mansion he may be about to list for US $25 million.

"I'm very lucky," Renner told the magazine. "I could have pretty easily been driving a forklift."

The Word



Was TomKat marriage running on Cruise control?

SAM CASTONE
Metro World News

What started as a rather titillating celebrity divorce is now devolving into a sadly familiar one. Tom Cruise has "absolutely no contact with Katie," according to website TMZ, with Cruise talking only to daughter Suri, 6, on the phone, once a day.

Things are "really bitter now," the source tells the site, with Katie "using Suri as a weapon." Meanwhile, photographers caught Holmes laughing at an ice cream parlor with Suri as bodyguards stood on watch.

"He has been Tom Cruise for 30 years," she told Elle magazine, in their just-released issue, which may have offered clues about the divorce to come.

"I know who I am and where I am and where I want to go, so I want to focus on that. I definitely feel much more comfortable in my own skin. I feel sexier," she continued. "I'm starting to come into my own. It's like a new phase."

With Cruise in the news, the paps are suddenly interested in Nicole Kidman, his ex, again.

They caught her having — gasp! — dinner with her husband, country singer Keith Urban, at a Florida restaurant, according to Us Magazine. The 45-year-old divorced Cruise in 2001, after an 11-year marriage.

Matthew McConaughey

Newlywed Matthew McConaughey adding to the family

Matthew McConaughey and his wife Camila aren't just newlyweds, they're also expecting.

McConaughey's representative confirmed that his wife is pregnant with the couple's third child. Both the actor and his bride tweeted the news on Wednesday.

"Happy birthday America, more good news, Camila and I are expecting our 3rd child," the actor wrote, "God bless, just keep livin'."

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Claire Danes

Claire Danes expecting first child with husband Hugh Dancy

Claire Danes has some busy months ahead: Not only is her hit TV series Homeland returning for its second season in September, but she's pregnant as well. Danes' rep, Jodi Gottlieb, confirms the actress is expecting her first child with husband Hugh Dancy.

The 33-year-old Danes and 37-year-old Dancy met on the set of the film Evening and were married in 2009 in France.

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Twitter

@kirstiealley
FYI, I'm not an fan of 50 Shades..The only thing separating him from the "run of the mill" S&M pervs out there is a $1,000,000,000.. Sorry.

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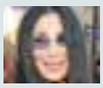
Practice loving everything and everybody all the time, but only hang in places and with people who lift you up.



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24.4 mile bike ride (40+ km), flash w/o at muscle beach gym- deadlift/bench/shoulder routine/biceps 8min prone hold.

3 LIFE

Cookbook

Pushing the vegetarian envelope

A new vegetarian cookbook by two Montreal chefs is pushing the envelope by offering readers dishes that are both classic and internationally inspired.

"From a chef's point of view, it is more important to take a quality product such as locally grown fresh vegetables and use good techniques so that you can have a wonderful result," says Igor Brotto.

He has co-authored The Vegetarian Kitchen Table Cookbook with Olivier Guiriec (Robert Rose, $27.95, paperback).

Among the 275 recipes there are Red Curry Tofu with Shiitake Mushrooms and Bamboo Shoots, Sun-dried Tomato, Brie and Arugula Wraps and Fig and Almond Tart. THE CANADIAN PRESS

On the Web

Fresh local strawberries star in shortcake, french toast, asparagus salad

Sweet strawberry-chocolate endings off of the grill

Grilled Dessert Pizza. Since you'll be barbecuing this weekend anyway, why not get creative?

For a backyard get-together, dessert has got to be easy and easy going.

And since you're probably making the rest of your meal on the grill anyway, why not use it to prep dessert, too?

This dessert pizza is incredibly quick and versatile. Top it with whatever sweet treats you like, or consider making individual ones and having a dessert pizza bar so people can select their own toppings.

Be sure to let the pizza dough rest at room temperature for about 30 minutes before trying to roll it out. Otherwise, it will be too stiff to work with and will resist stretching.

1. Heat a grill to medium-high.

2. Scatter half of the sugar on a counter top. Place the pizza dough over the sugar and roll out into the sugar. Sprinkle the top of the dough with the remaining sugar, then roll again to press the sugar into the top. You should have a rough circle about 12 inches in diameter.

3. Transfer the dough to a baking sheet, then head out to the grill.

4. Use an oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs to oil the grill grates.

5. Transfer pizza dough directly onto the grates. Cook for 3 minutes per side, or until cooked and lightly browned.

6. Return the crust to the baking sheet and immediately sprinkle the chocolate bits over the top. Wait 1 minute to allow the chocolate to melt, then use a butter knife or silicone spatula to spread the melted chocolate evenly over the crust. Sprinkle with the chopped strawberries and the flaked coconut. Enjoy warm.

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Ingredients

- 1/4 cup turbinado or demerara sugar, divided
- 16-oz ball refrigerated pizza dough
- Canola or vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate bits
- 1 1/2 cups chopped fresh strawberries
- 3/4 cup flaked coconut

This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Liquid Assets

Sip your way back to the origins of wine

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Forget about the fashion, music and auto industries. None are driven by trends more aggressively than the booze business.

While some subsegments virtually re-invent themselves every year, others simply go back to the future to find the next big thing.

The wine world spins like a top on this axis. Need proof? Though floundering for years, the juice from France and Italy is back on top again.

As consumers sip their way back to the origins of wine making, some polarizing flavour profiles are reaching out and grabbing the palates of wine lovers with a grip that even Iron Man would envy.

The hottest "what the heck" wine that has found fame is white moscato. Its romantic sounding name is actually the Italian translation of muscat — one of the oldest families of grapes in the world.

International winemakers have borrowed the term with E & J Gallo's Barefoot Moscato ($9.95 - $11.99) a prime example of the style's balance of easy-drinking, plush, white fruit sweetness and low alcohol.

Well chilled, moscato makes for a refreshing warm weather sipper and a fine match with fresh fruit, most cheeses and sugary desserts. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

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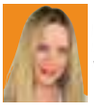
Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill?
Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events.



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Buffet king

Did you know that the Royal Fork Buffet is under new ownership? And that they've added a bunch of new ethnic dishes, notably Asian dishes like sushi? But don't despair, all your old favourites are still there. So get even more selection for your buck at the Royal Fork.

Concerts in the courtyard

All month long at noon you can catch a summer lunchtime concert featuring local talent at 201 Portage Ave. If you work downtown, this is a great excuse to get out of that stuffy office and head outside for a streetside dog, and perhaps even find your newest favourite local artist. The hour-long concerts are free, but if you'd like to find out more, check out 201portage.com.

Footloose

Canada's longest operating outdoor theatre, Rainbow Stage, has another hit the family is sure to love. Footloose, the all-American classic named after Kenny Loggins' hit single, hit the stage in Kildonan Park last month. However, you better hurry — you only have until July 8 to see the show.

Get dancing Winnipeg

If you love to bust a move, dust off your best dancing shoes and head to Corydon Avenue between Hugo and Lilac streets and join the street party. I love to dance, but I also love how infectious it can be. So look out all you non-dancers, we are coming to get ya… The DJ starts at 7 p.m. and keeps the tunes rolling until 10 p.m.

Laugh attack time

Ryan Dalton, who just so happened to be the brilliant writer behind Comedy Central's Roast to Charlie Sheen can be found at Rumor's Restaurant and Comedy Club right now. Not only did Ryan take the grand prize at the 2011 World Series Comedy Festival in Las Vegas, he was also a finalist in the 2011 Boston Comedy Festival, and let me tell ya, that ain't no walk in the park.

HU'S ASIAN BISTRO

Seriously, who's on first?

Well, technically it could be any one of our Winnipeg Goldeyes, but most recently it was me and a couple of great friends. I have not been to Hu's Asian Bistro in months, but each time I go I always find something I love, which keeps me coming back. There are 14 different appetizers and 41 different entrées — seriously, bring your picky-eater friends here. Friday just so happens to be my favourite night — Thai Caesar Night!

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SPORTS

Quoted

"For sure, it's a concern, but the good thing is that I don't remember what happened. There was a four- or five-minute period where I don't recall anything."

Alexandre Despatie, the two-time Olympic silver medallist who suffered a concussion and nasty gash on his forehead during practice June 12 in Spain, confirmed his participation at the 2012 Games at a news conference Thursday. Despatie says he is back in the pool training a few days ahead of schedule, although he has yet to work on the dives he will use in competition. He said that due to the concussion, getting back to Olympic form is a step-by-step process that cannot be rushed, but he feels he's doing well.

"I'm going to the Games to do my best."

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On the web

Soccer finally embraced goal-line technology as FIFA's lawmaking panel approved two new systems for use in matches. FIFA will introduce goal-line technology at the Club World Cup in Japan in December, and plans to use it in Brazil at the 2014 World Cup. Scan the code for the story.

Serena powers her way into Wimbledon final

Tennis. Four-time Wimbledon champion hits record 24 aces

Serena Williams reacts during her semifinal match against Victoria Azarenka Thursday at Wimbledon in London.
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Serena Williams wins with so much more than serving, of course.

Her groundstrokes are intimidating. Her superb speed and anticipation fuel unparalleled court-covering defence. Her returns are outstanding.

When that serve is on-target, though, it sure is something special, quite possibly the greatest in the history of women's tennis.

Lashing a tournament-record 24 aces at up to 120 mph, and doing plenty of other things well, too, four-time Wimbledon champion Williams overpowered No. 2-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Belarus 6-3, 7-6 (6) Thursday to reach her seventh final at the All England Club.

"Isn't that something?" said Williams' father, Richard, after watching his daughter win on Centre Court. "She was really trying, you know?"

On Saturday, the 30-year-old Williams will try to become the first woman at least that age to win a major tournament since Martina Navratilova, who was 33 when she won Wimbledon in 1990.

"The older I get, the better I serve, I feel," Williams said. "I don't know how it got better. I really don't know. It's not like I go home and I work on baskets and baskets of serves. Maybe it's a natural shot for me."

Her next opponent will be No. 3 Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland, who reached her first Grand Slam final at age 23 by playing steady as can be during a 6-3, 6-4 victory over No. 8 Angelique Kerber of Germany.

"After a couple of games, I just relaxed a little bit," said Radwanska, who made only six unforced errors, one in the second set. "I was really focusing on every point."

Williams won 20 of her 24 service points in the first set and 17 in a row in one stretch.

And this performance didn't come against a slouch: Azarenka won the Australian Open in January as part of a 26-0 start to this season, was playing in her third semifinal in the past five majors, and would have returned to No. 1 in the rankings if she had managed to beat Williams. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sister power

A couple of hours after reaching her seventh Wimbledon final, Serena Williams returned to Centre Court with sister Venus to secure a spot in the semifinals of the doubles tournament.

- The Williams sisters routed Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears 6-1, 6-1 in less than hour Thursday.

Baseball

Goldeyes slump against 'Hawks continues

The month of July has not been kind to the Winnipeg Goldeyes.

Thursday's 6-3 loss to the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks was not only their fourth-consecutive defeat, but their sixth straight home loss to the 'Hawks and keeps a goose egg in the win column for the month.

The Fish remain a fortunate bunch, as a Sioux Falls loss on Thursday keeps Winnipeg one game up on the Pheasants for first in the North Division — a position the Goldeyes have held for most of the season.

Winnipeg sent towering 6-foot-7 rookie Tony Butler to the hill and the 24-year-old struggled severely in his second start since joining his third American Association club this season. Butler (2-3, 5.22 ERA) took the loss, surrendering six runs on seven hits in six complete while walking five and adding a strikeout.

Fargo put up a pair of runs in the third before adding four more in the fifth on a Sergio Pedroza two-run dinger and a two-RBI single from Marcos Rodriguez. Goldeyes centre-fielder Chris Roberson drove in all three Winnipeg runs, going two-for-three at the dish.

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Re-evaluation for Week 2

CFL EXTRA POINTS
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Columnist Dan Toth discusses why Simon's best-receiver-ever coronation is premature and in which city a QB controversy is already brewing among other CFL thoughts

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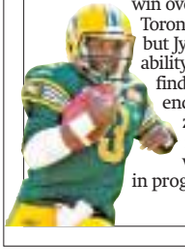
No smiles yet for sputtering Jyles

Can't remember the last time fans wanted their QB pulled when LEADING by a touchdown, but that's what happens when drives continually stall. New Eskimos starter Steven Jyles is thankful kicker Grant Shaw connected his four field goals in a Week 1 win over Toronto, but Jyles' ability to find the end zone is a work in progress.



Easier being Green?

The Green Gods have put to rest six months of second-guessing among the faithful; terrified the team would struggle again in 2012. A road win over Hamilton in Week 1 has restored faith in the Riders. They haven't beaten a West Division opponent since the 2010 West Final in Calgary, but can end that streak with a win Sunday over Edmonton.

Pierce protection problem persists

We established last year that the Bombers were going nowhere if they couldn't protect QB Buck Pierce. The injury-prone pivot was sidelined by a knee injury when enduring one of four sacks last week in B.C., although he's expected to play Friday in Montreal. Still, Pierce won't succeed and might not survive the 2012 season without protection from the pass rush.

Simon's numbers don't say it all

Don't be too quick to anoint Geroy Simon the best receiver in CFL history, even though he vaulted over Milt Stegall into first overall in career receiving yards. Stegall achieved his numbers with less proficient QBs, Ben Cahoon had better hands, Allen Pitts was tougher to defend and old-timers will tell you Hal Patterson was a combination of all those traits.

Tempering Tate's great start in Calgary

The Stamps like life without Henry Burris, at least through one game. New Stamps starter Drew Tate is living up to expectations in Cowtown with a 300-yard passing game in the season opener. The big test now is playing three games in 12 days during their annual exodus East during Calgary Stampede Week.

Across
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5 DNA sharer, maybe
8 Recipe meas.
12 Desire
13 Salary
14 Canal zone?
15 Despot
16 Hostel
17 Littlest of the litter
18 Alaskan bear
20 Investigates
22 Storm center
23 Exploitation
24 Hannibal's hurdles
27 With intent to kill
32 Bishop's bailiwick
33 Ike's WWII command
34 Shoe width
35 Bright headlight
38 Menial laborer
39 Fella
40 Sra., across the Pyrenees
42 Convertible couch
45 Clerical worker in the Navy
49 Competent
50 Lubricant
52 Horse play?
53 Oktoberfest necessity
54 Buck's mate
55 Idolize
56 Proofreader's note
57 Indivisible
58 List-ending abbr.

Down
1 Tom's pal
2 Pasta that resembles rice
3 "Zounds!"
4 TV actor's hope
5 "Malcolm X" director
6 Writer Fleming
7 Harmonization
8 Saint of Avila
9 "Enter the Dragon" actor
10 Kitchen fixture
11 Letterman's "trick" performers
19 Ever, in verse
21 "What did you say?"
24 Blond shade
25 Floral accessory
26 "Fever" singer
28 Greek vowel
29 Motley Crue drummer
30 Zodiac sign
31 Longing
36 Politico Humphrey
37 "See ya"
38 Streisand classic
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48 Yuletide refrain
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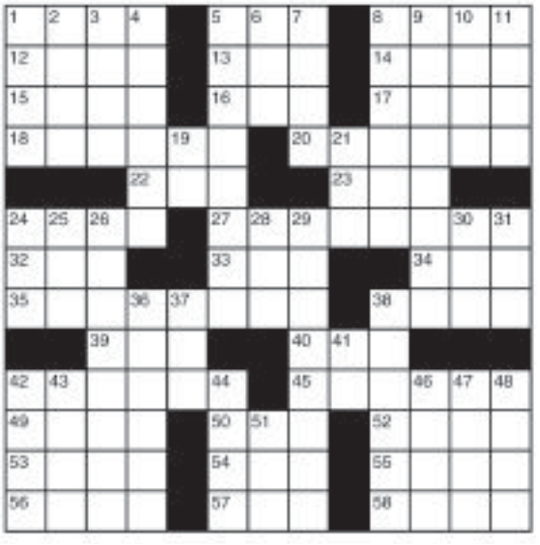

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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RYLBDW OTAJADF GMADFO.
OMLBEW AG IV PREEVW R
OGVRE IRDW?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT ACTOR JACK JUST EMPLOYED A LIVE-IN HOUSEKEEPER TO BE HIS LEMMON AIDE?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals F

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Aries | March 21 - April 20. A family feud is in the cards today but now that you know that, you can limit the chances of a serious falling-out by watching what you say.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. No matter how irritating someone may be, you must not let them get under your skin. Be on the move as much as possible today.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. What happens today will only be important if you choose to let it be important. That applies especially to money matters and business negotiations.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You will be both assertive and ambitious today, which could cause problems if others get the impression that you care for nothing but your own glory. Tone it down a bit.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You have something to say. It's something you think is important, but you have got to accept that, in saying it, you may upset a few people.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You may wonder why you have been singled out for so much good fortune, but in the greater scheme of things, nothing happens without a reason. Enjoy what you get today.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You have what it takes to compete at the highest level, so don't let fear of failure hold you back. Get out there into the world and show creativity.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. If you are the kind of Scorpio who loves to travel, you could find yourself a long way from home over the next 24 hours. Don't worry about how you are going to get back.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You will have energy to spare over the next 24 hours, but it is your Sagittarian enthusiasm that will lead to success. Focus on what you are good at and on what you enjoy.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You're under a lot of pressure and because the pressure comes mainly from partners and colleagues, you could fall out with someone today.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You can achieve some remarkable things over the next few days, so forget about the easy life and push yourself harder than ever before.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You've had your fill of talk and you've had your fill of trying to plan things out in great detail — all you want to do is get busy on a project that you believe in. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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"I didn't get cast in Star Wars, but look for me in the next Zoolander."
Blaine

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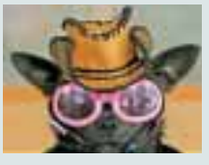

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